GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN MILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether milk production in the country is declining continuously since the last two decades;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in the milk production during 1980-90 and 1990-2000;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken any review of the demand and supply position of milk in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are aware that in the year 2005, the country is likely to face a situation of severe milk shortage; and

(f) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Production of milk during the period 1980 to 2000 is given in Annexure-I. It can be seenthat the production is steadily increasing over the last two decades.

(b): No decline in production of milk in the country is observed during 1980 to 2000.

(c) to (e): The per capita availability of milk also increased steadily over years as shown in Annexure -I. The relative price of milk has behaved in an orderly way in the last two decades. Annexure-II gives the projected figures of production along with basic requirement for milk up to 2005. It can be seen that there will be no shortage of milk production up to 2005.

(f): For maintaining the tempo of milk production in the country, the Government of India has been implementing the following schemes:

a. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.b. Assistance to States for Fodder Development
c. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases
d. National project on rinderpest eradication.
e. Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in non-operation flood , hilly and backward areas.

In addition to the above, the co-operative milk unions/ federations in various states have drawn long term plans with the assistance of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for promoting the activities in processing and manufacturing facilities, quality assurance, productivity enhancement, etc.

Annexure-I

YEAR	Production of Milk (Million Tonnes)	Pre capita availability of milk (grms/day)
1980-81	31.6	128
1981-82	34.3	136

1982-83	35.8	139
1983-84	38.8	147
1984-85	41.5	154
1985-86	44.0	160
1986-87	46.1	164
1987-88	46.7	163
1988-89	48.4	166
1989-90	51.4	173
1990-91	53.9	176
1991-92	55.7	178
1992-93	58.0	182
1993-94	60.6	187
1994-95	63.8	194
1995-96	66.2	197
1996-97	69.1	202
1997-98	70.8	204
1998-99	74.7	210
1999-2000	78.1	217

Annexure-II

Year	Milk Production @ (Million tonnes)	Requirement of milk$ (Million tonnes)
1998-99	74.7	79.2
1999-2000	78.1	80.5
2000-01	81.1	81.7
2001-02	84.5	83.0
2002-03	88.1	84.2
2003-04	91.9	85.6
2004-05	95.8	86.9

@ The projected production of milk for 2001 on wards is based on the growth of 4.25% p.a.

$ The requirement of milk is estimated on the basis of I.C.M.R. norm of 220 gm per day per person from 1998-99 to 2004-2005